

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 8, 2010**

Call to Order: Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Roll Call: Beverly Jacobs, Edward Rajsteter, and Christopher Demers

Residents in Attendance: June Soule, Mike Bonnano, Joel Godston, Cynthia Harris, Fred Harris, Peter Olander, Ken King, Laraine King, Joe McQueeny

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (10/12/10): Ed Rajsteter made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Cynthia Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

District:

1. District Report:

- a. Marsha Luce has been receiving the final payments from Bath. There are ten homeowners that have yet to complete their payments.
 - i. Joel Godston asked if those ten homeowners have been able to establish a plan with Marsha Luce about the water bills. Ed Rajsteter said there were notices sent out and it is still ongoing. She has met with a number of homeowners and also received additional monies.
 - ii. Joel Godston asked if they were paying their fines if they weren't paying their bills. Ed Rajsteter confirmed that they were.
 - iii. Joel Godston asked if those ten homeowners were given notices of their overdue water bills. Christopher Demers confirmed that they had sent out notices to those homeowners. Ed Rajsteter said that Marsha Luce has put one or two homes on lien this past month. He also said that one of the homeowners had come through with his payment.
- b. Marsha Luce has been working closely with the Budget Committee and drafting forms that are easily read and can be worked with in a timely fashion. There are two more meetings scheduled.
- c. Marsha Luce has been re-charting some accounts to reflect more accurate spending.
- d. The new email address to contact Marsha Luce is District@mtnlakesnh.com.

2. Financials:

- a. Peter Olander asked Beverly Jacobs about last month's expenditures concerning lines 5019-2 Snack Bar and 5020-2 Snack Bar Help. Beverly Jacobs said that the snack bar didn't close at the end of August. It closed after the Labor Day weekend. Laraine King said it was there on the expenditures for last month because the staff at the snack bar were still being paid. It also included bonuses.

- b. Joel Godston brought up his concern with having a commissioner running the snack bar. However, Beverly Jacobs announced that she had already resigned from the snack bar.
- c. Mike Bonanno asked how they receive their bonuses. Laraine King said that the lifeguards and snack bar staff were given a fifty cent per hour bonus for staying the full length of their contracts.
- d. Joel Godston brought up line 5035-1 Dam Loan. He asked if it has cost (\$11,032) every year. Christopher Demers said it's always been that high.
- e. Ed Rajsteter brought up that an owner has part of their property located on the spillway near the dam. The State feels that rather than the District taking all the responsibility for the payment, the State would consider taking dual-ownership of the dam property and thus bill a portion of that to the owner. This is not in effect as of yet. More needs to be discussed about that situation before any action is taken. Cynthia Harris asked if it would be a good idea. Ed Rajsteter said that the individual had trees located in the spillway and the Court had deemed the District responsible for cutting those trees down. However, the owner doesn't want them cut because the trees are used to maintain privacy. The District is looking for alternatives to solve the problem about eliminating the trees.
- f. Joel Godston asked about the proposal to raise the fee of the Lodge. Peter Olander said that they agreed to raise the fee to \$100 with a \$75 deposit. This will not be in effect until it's approved by the commissioners.

3. Vouchers: Ed Rajsteter made a motion to accept the vouchers for the month of October. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Health Benefits for Full Time Employees: Ed Rajsteter spoke about the possibility of providing health benefits for full time employees of Mountain Lakes District. They are still compiling information relative to the costs and benefits for the employees. As it moves forward, the Budget Committee will also be dealing with it. Joel Godston asked what made them consider this possibility. Christopher Demers said that an employee simply had an interest in getting insurance and asked about it.

Water Committee Update:

1. Water Usage: The water usage for the month of October was:

Artisan Well	6,513 gallons
Gravel Well	16,800 gallons
WW&L	13,000 gallons
Oct. 2010 Total	32,313 gallons

2. Water Report:

- a. A new bench has been placed on the lower dam and they'll have another out soon that will over look the bench. They have not heard back from the State in regards to the beach and the dam areas yet. The State does not want the beach where it is so the District is trying to work out a compromise. The State wants the location where the beach is located to be all grass.

- b. Seven water services have been shut off for the winter season. The pump house should be resuming next week.
- c. The Bedrock Well Project is still going forward. The Water Committee has received a reply from the NHDES relative to the Bedrock Well and drilling to a lower level. They still need additional information. They plan on having a joint meeting with the Planning Board to go over and obtain certain information. The Water Committee also plans on having a meeting with NHDES sometime this month. The information the NHDES have and are using came from a 1998 Visibility Study made by Dubois and King and the usage numbers that are reflected in that report are very high compared to our last usage over the past year and a half. So much so that, Mt Lakes water usage has dropped 30%-40%. They will be discussing reasons why this is. Peter Olander commented that the leak they had this past year may have been more serious than expected. He also asked that since the numbers they're using to reflect Mountain Lakes District are so high, is it possible that that could make Mt. Lakes something that it's not. Ed Rajsteter said that Scott Clang had told him that it's not about how many residents are living in Mt. Lakes but the potential of how many could be living here. They will have to bring up the Master Plan to the State informing them of just how many lots can actually be built on.
- d. The Water Committee has been working closely with the Budget Committee and the District Administrator to have a sound view and direction for the department budgets for not only next year but for following years to come as well.
- e. Ed Rajsteter announced that the Water Committee could use extra help at the meetings. If anyone would like to volunteer, they are welcome.
- f. Ed Rajsteter publicly thanked the Budget Committee for working so hard on creating the 2011 budget. There has been a lot of time and effort put into it and it is still ongoing. Ed Rajsteter brought up that Peter Olander just co-chaired the last meeting and they spent hours on it.

Recreation Update:

1. Cynthia Harris brought up that the Rec. Committee was planning on having a Wine Tasting Event at the Lodge every second weekend of the month throughout the winter.. She asked if that could override someone else's request to rent the lodge. Laraine King said it would but they are very flexible. If someone wanted to rent the lodge on a date that they had scheduled a Wine Tasting Event, they would reschedule.
2. Beverly Jacobs said she was at Brian's Halloween Party. There were about 20 kids and they were all having a ball!
3. Karen Rajsteter and Laraine King will be presenting the Recreation Committee's proposed budget on Thursday, November 11th at the Budget Committee Meeting.
4. There would be a Wine Tasting Event Saturday, November 13th at 7P.M.
5. There will be a Bird Feeder Workshop and Pot Luck on December 4th.
6. The Winterfest will be on Saturday, Feb. 26th.
7. The Rec. Committee will be making sure that up to date first aid kits are available at both the Community Center and the Lodge.

Planning Board Update:

1. A letter was sent to the lawyer about the tree cutting in conjunction with the building process. They asked him to write up a draft of the new Ordinance. The Planning Board is working hard to make sure it's finalized so that it can be voted on in March of 2011.
2. They went over the Officer Zoning Report. There were no new applications. The only project left to be completed is belonging to Davis. The rest have been completed.
3. Joel Godston asked why the Zoning Officer couldn't manage to attend any recent Planning Board Meetings. Christopher Demers said that they are trying to adjust at least one meeting to his schedule so that he can attend.
4. Mike Bonanno said that the Planning Board is going to invite the new clerk from the Town of Haverhill to attend a meeting as well. They would simply like to be on the same page as Haverhill with the new Ordinance since Haverhill Ordinance is much different.

New Business:

1. Mike Bonanno announced that they had a Neighborhood Watch Meeting a few weeks ago. Six residents attended. Corporal Trott gave them local crime statistics. The next meeting will be in a couple weeks and they'll be drafting up guidelines on what they should be doing and looking out for. The next meeting will be located at the Office. Ed Rajsteter brought up that the RSVP do weekly check-ups in the area. He suggested that Mike Bonanno contact them to let them know what's going on. They could possibly work together or help each other out on certain activities or situations.
2. Peter Olander if any decisions have been made concerning security. Ed Rajsteter said that was still ongoing. The Budget Committee will be discussing it further.
3. Cynthia Harris said that there is more asbestos around. Christopher Demers said that he would have Don Drew contact the DES to have them removed. Joel Godston said that they should send out letters to have it cleaned up and if it doesn't get cleaned up, they should be fined.
4. Laraine King updated everyone that she has filled out the paperwork with the bank and is now officially available as Deputy Treasurer.

Christopher Demers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Rajsteter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faustina Lalmond